

Libraries

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Fairfax County Public Library's branches differ in size, type of collection, services available and patrons served. But they all have one thing in common: a commitment to provide easy access to a multitude of resources for the education, entertainment, business or pleasure of Fairfax County and Fairfax City residents of all ages.

LINK TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan has established a number of objectives and policies in order to:

- ✓ Maintain the County planning standard of 0.4 square feet of library space per resident by providing regional libraries which should be 30,000 to 35,000 square feet and community libraries which should be 10,000 to 20,000 square feet.
- ✓ Construct community libraries in Oakton and Burke.
- ✓ Renovate and expand Thomas Jefferson, Richard Byrd, Dolley Madison, Martha Washington, John Marshall, Woodrow Wilson, Tyson Pimmit, Pohick, Fairfax City and Reston libraries.
- ✓ Construct a regional library in Kingstowne.

Source: 2003 Edition of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, as amended

CURRENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Significant changes in the 1990's motivated the Library to adopt strategic planning. Changing demographics indicate a growing diversity among residents and among communities within the County. Expanding technologies offer new opportunities and new user demands to improve information resources and delivery. Increasing costs combined with shrinking resources mean that the Library cannot distribute all resources to all locations equally. The Library must provide a network of facilities that offer library services responding to the needs of the community in which each library is located and system wide mechanisms to share resources among branches. New facilities must be designed to utilize new technologies for information delivery, and existing facilities from the early 1960's must be redesigned and renovated to maximize the use of space and modern technologies.

The Library Board of Trustees, whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, and the Fairfax City Council, is responsible for library functions, policy and direction. The Library Board developed its library construction program after study of long-range space needs. Planning is also based on "Recommended Minimum Standards for Virginia Public Libraries," published by the Library of Virginia, which sets basic requirements for receiving supplemental State Aid. The approved construction projects are based on such factors as the age and condition of buildings, projected population growth,

usage, insufficiencies at existing facilities, and demand for services in unserved areas of the County. Library projects have been primarily financed with General Obligation Bonds.

Most recently, the George Mason Regional Library reopened in April 1998 after extensive renovation and expansion (30,000 square feet). The Kingstowne Community Library (15,000 square feet) in a retail partnership opened in June 2000. The Great Falls Community Library (13,000 square feet) was completed in October 2000. Land for a community library in the Oakton area was acquired in 2000 through a developer's proffer and land was purchased for the Burke Centre Community Library and Kingstowne Regional Library at a combined cost of \$5.367 million from bond monies. Programming and preliminary design work for the Oakton and Burke Centre libraries is underway.

To evaluate the scope of work and costs associated with renovation and expansion of existing facilities, feasibility and conceptual design studies were completed in FY 2001 for: Thomas Jefferson Community Library, Richard Byrd Community Library, Dolley Madison Community Library, and Martha Washington Community Library.

Feasibility and conceptual design studies for the potential expansion and renovation are also needed for: Reston Regional Library, Pohick Regional Library, John Marshall Community Library, Woodrow Wilson Community Library, and Tysons Pimmit Regional Library. The costs for renovation and expansion of existing facilities as well as new building construction for the Burke Centre Community Library, Oakton Community Library and Kingstowne Regional Library is anticipated to be funded by future bond referenda. In addition, the expansion and renovation of the Reston Regional Library will be coordinated with the future dedication to the Fairfax County Library Foundation of land that is adjacent to the library. A library bond referendum is proposed for fall 2004. Specific projects to be included in the referendum will be consistent with the Library Board's recommendations and priorities.

In addition, Fairfax City has proposed to construct a new library on a site within the City to replace the existing Fairfax City Regional Library. The City has entered into an agreement with a developer to redevelop its downtown and adjacent areas. As part of the proposed redevelopment the City has proposed an exchange of land between the County and the City and the construction of a new, replacement library at a site on North Street close to the existing site. Negotiations are in progress and are expected to result in a new, state-of-the-art structure with expanded facilities for the Virginia Room and collection. Additional parking and easier access are also planned. The County has agreed in concept to support funding for the new library by granting a credit for library services purchased by the City from the County.

CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

NEW CONSTRUCTION

1. **Burke Centre Community.** \$11,200,000 for a new Community Library with additional storage areas. A seven acre site was acquired for the Burke Center Community Library at a cost of \$1,979,000. Phase I of the building design was completed in FY 2004. A community library in this location is necessary to meet demands for service that the insufficient capacities at both Kings Park Community Library and Pohick Regional Library cannot provide. The Burke Centre Community Library site is adjacent to the Fairfax County Parkway and is expected to attract a broad customer base of Parkway commuters in addition to the library's geographically defined community. In addition, the Burke Centre Library is a suggested location for a non-public space to be used for short term storage and centralized distribution of materials and equipment. A Library Bond Referendum for design and construction costs is proposed for fall 2004.
2. **Oakton Community.** \$7,565,000 for a new Oakton Community Library. Land in Oakton was acquired in 2000 through a developer's proffer. Phase I of the building design was completed in FY 2004. The facility is necessary to meet demands for library service that the insufficient capacities of both parking and public service space at the Vienna's Patrick Henry Library cannot provide. That facility is the busiest per hour among County community libraries. A Library Bond Referendum for design and construction costs is proposed for fall 2004.

RENEWALS/ADDITIONS

3. **Thomas Jefferson Community.** \$6,210,000 is needed for the expansion and renovation of the Thomas Jefferson Library which will expand the building from the current 10,300 to 16,500 square feet. This 40-year old building cannot be adapted to the requirements of modern technology. It needs a quiet study space and consistently exceeds the minimum standards for use because of increasing population density in the community. This estimate includes \$50,000 for feasibility and planning studies which have been completed, \$2,498,000 for expansion, \$3,462,000 for renovation and \$200,000 for temporary facility space during construction. A Library Bond Referendum for design and construction costs is proposed for fall 2004.
4. **Richard Byrd Community.** \$7,283,000 is required for the expansion and renovation of the Richard Byrd Community Library which will enlarge the building from the current 10,000 to 18,200 square feet. This 36-year old building cannot be efficiently adapted to the requirements of modern technology, needs a quiet study space and consistently exceeds the minimum standards for use because of increasing population density. Renovation of the facility will be coordinated with revitalization goals for the area. This estimate includes \$60,000 for feasibility and planning studies which have been completed, \$3,559,000 for expansion, \$3,464,000 for renovation and \$200,000 for temporary facility space during construction. A Library Bond Referendum for design and construction costs is proposed for fall 2004.
5. **Dolley Madison Community.** \$7,940,000 is required for the expansion and renovation of the Dolley Madison Community Library which will enlarge the building from the current 10,630 to 19,250 square feet. This 35-year old building cannot be adapted to the requirements of modern technology, needs a quiet study space and consistently exceeds the minimum standards for use. This estimate includes \$60,000 for feasibility and planning studies which have been completed, \$4,387,600 for expansion, \$3,292,400 for renovation and \$200,000 for temporary facility space during construction. A Library Bond Referendum for design and construction costs is proposed for fall 2004.
6. **Martha Washington Community.** \$8,099,000 is needed for the expansion and renovation of the Martha Washington Community Library which will expand the building from the current 10,220 to 17,990 square feet. This 30-year old building cannot be adapted to the requirements of modern technology, needs a quiet study space and consistently exceeds the minimum standards for use. This estimate includes \$50,000 for feasibility and planning studies which have been completed, \$4,788,000 for expansion, \$3,061,000 for renovation and \$200,000 for temporary facility space during construction. A Library Bond Referendum for design and construction costs is proposed for fall 2004.

**PROJECT COST SUMMARIES
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(\$000's)**

Project Title/ Project Number	Source of Funds	Anticipated to be Expended Thru FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	Total FY2005-FY2009	Total FY2010-FY2014	Total Project Estimate
New Construction										
1. Burke Centre Community / 004838	G, B	2,380	1,750	4,300	2,570	200		8,820		11,200
2. Oakton Community / 004839	G, B	200	730	3,800	2,735	100		7,365		7,565
Renewals/Additions										
3. Thomas Jefferson Community / 004842	G, B	50		900	1,800	2,900	560	6,160		6,210
4. Richard Byrd Community / 004843	G, B	60			300	750	4,060	5,110	2,113	7,283
5. Dolley Madison Community / 004844	G, B	60		1,100	2,500	3,700	580	7,880		7,940
6. Martha Washington Community / 004845	G, B	50			300	900	4,050	5,250	2,799	8,099
TOTAL		\$2,800	\$2,480	\$10,100	\$10,205	\$8,550	\$9,250	\$40,585	\$4,912	\$48,297

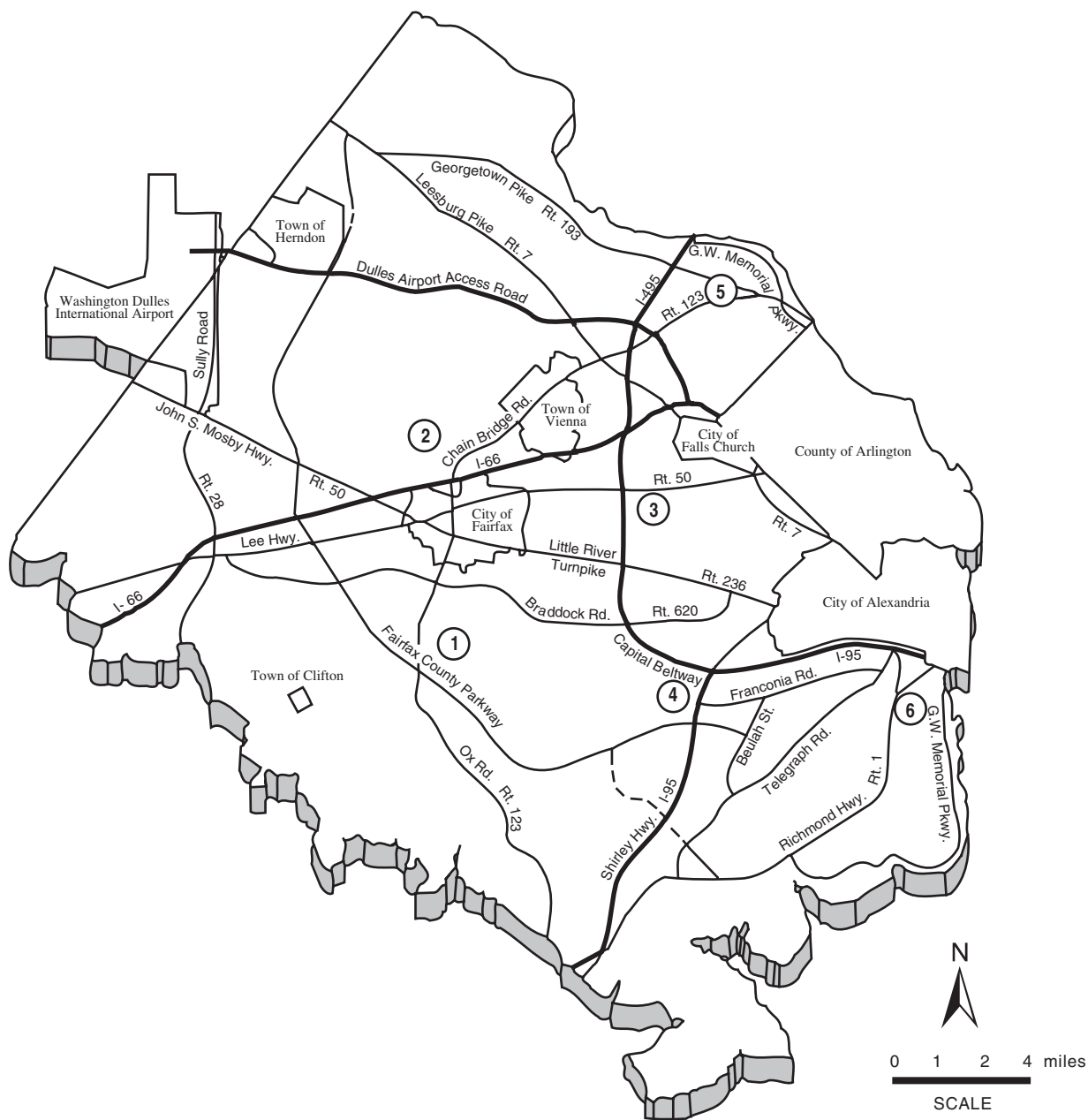
Key: Stage of Development	
	Feasibility Study or Design
	Land Acquisition
	Construction

Notes:
Numbers in bold italics represent funded amounts.
Design and construction funds will be part of a future bond referendum proposed in Fall 2004.

Key: Source of Funds	
B	Bonds
G	General Fund
S	State
F	Federal
X	Other
U	Undetermined

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Location of CIP Projects



Note: Map numbers correspond to the project descriptions in the text and on the summary tables. Only CIP projects with selected fixed sites are shown on the map.